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In re Application of

Michael F. Ochs et al.

Serial No.: 609,038 : WITHDRAWAL OF ABANDONMENT

Filed: June 30, 2000

Attorney Docket No.: 10064-1U1

This is in response to applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 15, 2002, to withdraw the abandonment of the above identified application based on timely filing of a reply.

A review of the file history shows that the examiner mailed an Office action to applicants on October 1, 2001, setting a one month shortened statutory period for reply. Applicants replied on November 28, 2001 (Certificate of Mailing date), by filing a reply and requesting a one month extension of time and fee therefor. The reply was never received by the Office possibly due to mail irregularities at the time. Applicants provide a copy of the reply and authorization to charge the fee to a Deposit Account, which has been done. In view of applicants' timely reply the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error and is hereby withdrawn and the application restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

Applicants' petition is **GRANTED**.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for further consideration

It is noted that the mailing address above differs from the return mail address appended to the petition and reply. If appropriate a change of address should be submitted to ensure prompt delivery of Office communications.

Should there be any questions with respect to this decision, please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by mail addressed to: Director, Technology Center 1600, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by telephone at (703)308-3824 or by facsimile transmission at (703) 308-7230.

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